

CLAYTON PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION MEETING

Monday, June 1, 2015

The Center of Clayton – Multipurpose Room C

Members present: David LaGesse, Jeanne Most, Becky Patel, Eric Schneider and Mark Stapleton

Absent: Joanne Boulton, Jenaro Centeno, Cynthia Garnholz, Maripat Gatter and Melanie Tamsky

Also Present: Patty DeForrest, Wayne Dunker, Tim Hohenstein, Dan Krewson, Toni Siering and Missy McCormick

Approval of Minutes:

Minutes from the May 4 meeting were approved as written.

Mr. Eric Schneider, new Chairman, stated that Ira Berkowitz, former Chairman, is now an Alderman. Mr. Schneider said he will lead with integrity with hopes to give good advice to the Board of Alderman.

Mr. Schneider indicated that Ms. Missy McCormick will be replacing Ira Berkowitz.

Addresses from the Audience:

No addresses from the audience

Open Space Needs Study:

Please see attached notes taken by Planning Design Studio during this portion of the meeting.

Shaw Park Ice Rink End of Season Report:

Mr. Tim Hohenstein presented the 2014-2015 Shaw Park Ice Rink End of Year Report. (See the attached presentation for specific details.) The Shaw Park Ice Rink report included the following information: increase in usage by over 1,000 people, season highlights, revenue and expenditure comparisons, facility usage summary, season pass sales and an admissions summary.

Mr. Hohenstein stated that a Groupon deal was offered, which increased daily admission revenue. Of those purchased, 46% of the deals were redeemed. Special events included: The Snowman Skate, Skater Appreciation Day, Mid-States Winter Classic, Frozen Cup Tournament as well as the St. Louis Blues hosting their holiday party at the rink. This season also featured a FOX 2 "In Your Neighborhood" segment where the entire morning show was hosted at the ice rink.

Total revenue increased 8% from FY14 to FY15. Operating expenditures increased slightly compared to last season however there was a decrease in maintenance expenditures.

2015-2016 scheduled events: The Snowman Skate, Bonfire Fridays, Skater Appreciation Day, Mid-States Winter Classic and The Frozen Cup.

Director's Report:

As of the start of this meeting, 101 people had completed the Park Land Needs Assessment Survey. Wards are being tracked; the most responses have come from Ward 3 followed by 2 then 1.

We are moving forward on the Chapman Plaza project. 3 public forums have been scheduled; dates and times can be found on the Parks and Recreation webpage. All residents will be receiving a mailer regarding the project.

The Steering Committee will be meeting the week of June 8th.

Ms. DeForrest met with the group from Taylor Park regarding the playground improvements. The Request for Proposal (RFP) has been sent to playground companies.

The "One of Us" elephant sculpture will be installed starting the week of June 12th. The lower lot of the North Parking Lot in Shaw Park will be closed on June 15th to accommodate the crane being used to install the art piece.

The July CRSWC Meeting is being postponed until July 13th due to the 4th of July holiday.

The School District had a scheduled Board of Education meeting and apologizes for not being present during this meeting.

Old Business / New Business:

Meeting adjourned at 9:00pm

Respectfully Submitted By: Tim Hohenstein